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SPORTS PROGRAMMES /SCHEMES IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportspersons from Assam who has received sports scholarship and assistance from the National Welfare Fund for Sportsperson;

(b) the details of sports programmes/schemes undertaken in the State by the National Welfare Fund for Sportsperson;

(c) the number of sportspersons from the State who has received pension from the National Sports Fund;

(d) the amount allocated to Assam for the creation of sports infrastructure during the last three years; and

(e) the number of schools in Assam covered under the scheme of grants to rural schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playground?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) Under the Sports Scholarship Scheme, the number of sports scholarship awarded to Assam during the last three years is as under :-

Year	No.of Scholarships
2002-2003	201
2003-2004	465
2004-2005	344

No sportsperson from Assam is receiving pension under the scheme of 'National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons'.

(b) The National Welfare Fund for sportspersons and their families was set up primarily to assist outstanding sportspersons of yesteryears, who are living in indigent circumstances. The financial support is stipulated in the following forms:-

(i) A monthly pension upto Rs. 2500/- per month.

(ii) Lump-sum financial assistance upto Rs. 40,000 for medical treatment in case of injury;

(iii) Financial assistance upto maximum of Rs. 1 lakh to sportspersons who suffer from fatal injury in the course of participation in sports events or during training.

(c) Two sportspersons from Assam are receiving pension under " Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons" launched in 1994 under which pension is given to sportspersons who win medals in Olympic games, World Cup/World Championships, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games and Para-Olympic Games.

(d) The details of Central assistance provided for creation of sports infrastructure in Assam during the last three years under the scheme of 'Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure' are as under :-

(Rs in Lakhs)

2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
73.50	17.00	188.09

(e) The number of schools in Assam to which central assistance was provided during the last three years under the scheme of Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of Sports Equipment and development of playgrounds is as under :-

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
No.of Schools	14	41	38